

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
7:30 pm
Chair: Sue Harrington

- I. Welcome
- II. Attendance: Sue Harrington, Bill Thorne, Juliana Barrett, Tom Harrington, Staff: Jennifer Kaufman
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved with the following additions: Japanese stilt grass is not in the beach area at School House Brook Park; Add “dam” to the last bullet point under Schoolhouse Brook Park Management Plan Review. “Town of Mansfield will create an Emergency Action Plan for Schoolhouse Brook Park dam.”
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Management Plan Review
 - Coney Rock – Tom led discussion of management plan:
 - Joshua’s Trust needs a steward for the site
 - Joshua’s Trust needs to take care of trail markings
 - Jennifer will contact the fire department regarding trimming
 - Mt. Hope Park – Bill led discussion of management plan:
 - major issues are invasive plants and beaver (beaver deceiver broken)
 - culvert needs to be cleaned out, Mansfield Public Works to do this and then contractor will reinstall beaver deceiver; town will then have a maintenance contract for the beaver deceiver
 - trails near riverbank heavily used by fishermen, but not much can be done to prevent use; Mansfield Mustangs made new trail but this is not decreasing the fishing
 - There may be a patch of Japanese knotweed (approx. 8 ft x 10 ft) between the parking lot and the road.
 - Merrow Meadow – not completed
 - Schoolhouse Brook Park – not completed
 - B. Upcoming Events
 - Celebrate Mansfield – Sept 19 Walk
 - Trails Day – walk with the Mansfield Historical Society
 - Walktober - Several hikes scheduled including Dunhamtown, Schoolhouse Brook Park, Wolf Rock
 - Star Party – to be held Sept 18 with Cynthia Peterson; Bill T. to volunteer and take registration
 - Natural Area Volunteer Work Days – Jennifer has UConn groups volunteering and needs defined projects that will take approx. 2 hours
- V. New Business
 - A. Winter Programming – tracking set for Sunday Jan 24, 2016 at 1pm if enough snow on ground
- VI. Future Agendas
 - Merrow Meadow management plan to be completed by Barrett
- VII. Announcements
 - 2 applications made on Eagleville Lake invasive plants; no fanwort found, very positive reviews
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm